



Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

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The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5 as it applies to a non-compliance to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 571.210 Seat belt assembly anchorage.

573.5(c)(1)
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573.5(c)(2)
Volvo VHD model, heavy-duty class 8 vehicles assembled by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. between December 15, 2000, and February 3, 2003 and with an optional two man passenger bench seat.

The vehicles affected by this notification were selected by using the part number of the bracket that the bench seat, inboard seating position seat belt D-ring attaches to.

573.5(c)(3)
Three hundred ninety-six (396) vehicles potentially contain the non-compliance.

573.5(c)(4)
Percentage of vehicles expected to contain the non-compliance is 100%.

573.5(c)(5)
The two man passenger bench seat inboard (center) position, seat belt D-ring mounting bracket weldnut; the weld is not sufficient to meet the seat belt pull requirements of FMVSS 571.210, S4.2.2 covering seat belt anchorages, and attachment hardware.

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573.5(c)(6)
Not applicable

573.5(c)(7)

Volvo Trucks North America, on March 11, 2003 decided that the subject D-ring mounting bracket is in non-compliance to FMVSS 571.210 S4.2.2.

573.5(c)(8)

Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall of all 396 vehicles.

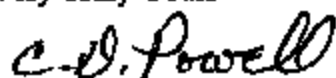
The recall remedy will consist of replacing the non-complying seat belt D-ring mounting bracket with one that withstands the requirements of FMVSS 571.210, S4.2.2.

Volvo Trucks North America believes the non-compliance has gone undetected to the vehicle owner and therefore no pre-notification repairs would have been made to the subject bracket at the expense of the vehicle owner.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., is RVXX0303.

The recall is tentatively scheduled to commence within 30 working days of this notification.

Very Truly Yours



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Recall Administrator